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1. REPORTING AND THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS BY EMBASSIES ANKARA
AND ATHENS OF GREEK AND TURKISH EFFORTS TO HEAD OFF A POS-
SIBLE AEGEAN INCIDENT ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED HERE.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION DEPARTMENT HAS NOTED AND FULLY SUP-
PORTS REPRESENTATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY POSTS AND DESCRIBED IN
REFTELS ENCOURAGING CONTINUED RESTRAINT ON PART OF BOTH
GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS IN DEALING WITH SAILING OF
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SISMIK. WE NOTE WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST THE FACT THAT

GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN IN SUBSTANTIVE CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER WITH A VIEW TO WORKING OUT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR HANDLING THE SISMIK OPERATION IN WAYS THAT WILL BE POLITICALLY ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

3. WE ARE KEEPING UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW WHETHER FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE USEFUL. FOR THE PRESENT, GIVEN THE NATURE AND EXTENSIVE

RANGE OF USG REPRESENTATIONS ALREADY MADE AND THE FACT OF GOG-GOT CONTACTS, WE DO NOT INTEND TO MAKE ADDITIONAL DEMARCHES. WE WILL, HOWEVER, TAKE EVERY APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY HERE TO CONTINUE TO GET ACROSS THE NEED FOR CONTINUED RESTRAINT AND TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL PROVE EFFECTIVE IN RESOLVING THE IMMEDIATE ISSUE OF THE SISMIK AND PERMIT DISCUSSIONS TO CONTINUE ON THE UNDERLYING PROBLEMS INVOLVED. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE A SIMILAR STANCE. KISSINGER

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